

## **IN THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended)      An offset printing ink or varnish ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the solvent comprises at least one water-insoluble ester of a polycarboxylic acid with an alcohol having at least 4 carbon atoms.
  
2. (Currently Amended)      An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein from 45% to 90% by weight of said solvent comprises an ester of a polycarboxylic acid with an alcohol having at least 4 carbon atoms.
  
3. (Currently Amended)      An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 2, ~~in which~~ wherein from 50% to 80% by weight of said solvent comprises an ester of a polycarboxylic acid with an alcohol having at least 4 carbon atoms.
  
4. (Currently Amended)      An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 2, ~~in which~~ wherein from 55% to 65% by weight of said solvent comprises an ester of a polycarboxylic acid with an alcohol having at least 4 carbon atoms.
  
5. (Currently Amended)      An offset printing ink or varnish according to ~~any one of the preceding Claims, in which~~ claim 1, wherein said alcohol has from 4 to 20 carbon atoms.
  
6. (Currently Amended)      An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 5, ~~in which~~ wherein said alcohol has from 6 to 10 carbon atoms.

7. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to ~~any one of the preceding Claims, in which~~ claim 1, wherein said polycarboxylic acid has from 2 to 4 carboxylic acid groups.
8. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 7, ~~in which~~ wherein said polycarboxylic acid has 3 or 4 carboxylic acid groups.
9. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to ~~any one of the preceding Claims, in which~~ claim 1, wherein said polycarboxylic acid is an aromatic polycarboxylic acid.
10. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 9, ~~in which~~ wherein said polycarboxylic acid is a benzenepolycarboxylic acid.
11. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 10, ~~in which~~ wherein said benzenepolycarboxylic acid is trimellitic acid.
12. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 11, ~~in which~~ wherein the ester is an ester of trimellitic acid with one or more straight chain saturated C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> aliphatic alcohols.
13. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 11, ~~in which~~ wherein the ester is tridecyl trimellitate.
14. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 11, ~~in which~~ wherein the ester is an ester of citric acid or acetylcitric acid.

15. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 14, ~~in which~~ wherein said ester is the butyl ester.

16. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to ~~any one of the preceding Claims, in which~~ claim 1, wherein said solvent additionally comprises at least one triglyceride of C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>20</sub> aliphatic carboxylic acids.

17. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 16, ~~in which~~ wherein said triglyceride is a triglyceride of C<sub>10</sub>-C<sub>18</sub> aliphatic carboxylic acids.

18. (Currently Amended) An offset printing ink or varnish according to Claim 17, ~~in which~~ wherein said triglyceride is coconut oil.